you can give out in the newspapers that the French armies have moved into Spain for an expedition to Africa, and that I am to direct their movements in person from Madrid; that the Prince of Peace, thinking I would influence the King, and influence him unfavourably to himself, became alarmed, and that all the trouble has come from this.

(To Marshal Bessieres.) If the Prince of the Asturias should attempt to turn back at Burgos, have him placed under arrest, and send him to Bayonne.

18th. I have nearly 100,000 men here in provisional regiments. What with drill and exercise they are improving daily. They are all fine big boys of twenty, and I am very pleased with them.

19th. The interests of my House and of my Empire demand that the Bourbons should cease to reign in Spain! Countries where monks (rule) are easy to conquer!

It might cost me 200,000 men!

25th. The Prince of the Asturias is here; I am treating him well. I receive him at the head of the stairs, but do not accompany him (to the door).

The King and Queen will be here in a couple of days. The Prince of Peace arrives to-night. The unfortunate man excites pity. For a month he was between life and death, under constant threats. He never changed his shirt during all that time, and had grown a beard seven inches long.

26th. (ToMurat.) It is time to show energy. I assume you will not spare the Madrid mob if it budges. A man at the head of 50,000 soldiers should not write such a